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DEPT FOR A/SY FROM RSO SPALDING

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EXTORTION LETTER THREATENING LIVES OF CONGEN PERSONNEL

REF: NEW DELHI 11580, 11584, 11607, STATE 198300

1. CONGEN MADRAS APPRECIATED THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. RSO COULD NOT RESPOND EARLIER TO STATE REFTEL SINCE IT ARRIVED SHORTLY BEFORE HE DEPARTED MADRAS WITH AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S PARTY AND THREATENED OFFICERS ON TRIP THROUGH SOUTH INDIA.

2. RSO HAS BEEN MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEGREE OF COOPERATION FURNISHED BY INSPECTOR GENERAL STRACEY. HE HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS.

(1) ASSIGNED AN ARMED BODY GUARD TO CONSUL GENERAL MCCASKILL.

(2) STATIONED A PLATOON OF THIRTY POLICE ARMED WITH RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS AND SIDE ARMS TO CONGEN RESIDENCE AND RESIDENCE OF ADMIN OFFICER SCOTT WHICH ADJOINS THE CONGEN RESIDENCE.

(3) HAS ASSIGNED AN ARMED PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE OFFICER TO ESCORT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL BUS TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

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(4) ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL GUARDS TO THE CONGEN OFFICE BUILDING.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW LEADS AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE AUTHOR OF THE EXTORTION LETTER. THE POST OFFICE BOX AT T. NAGAR BUS DEPOT HAS BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE, BUT NO ONE HAS ATTEMPTED TO RETRIEVE THE ENVELOPE FURNISHED BY THE CONGEN.

4. THE RSO PLANS TO REQUEST A GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROTECTION FORCES DURING THE WEEK. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE ARMED PLAIN CLOTHES BODY GUARD TO ACCOMPANY THE CONGEN IN TRAVELLING ABOUT TOWN BE RETAINED ON A PERMANENT BASIS. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT AN ARMED PLAIN CLOTHES POLICEMAN CONTINUE TO BE ASSIGNED TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS ON A PERMANENT BASIS. IT IS HOPED THAT THOUGH THIS CRISIS IS HAPPILY FADING WITHOUT INCIDENT, IT HAS LEFT A HIGHER DEGREE OF SECURITY IN ITS WAKE. THE CONSUL GENERAL AND MR. SCOTT ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE CLOSE AND HIGH LEVEL POLICE LIAISON THEY HAD ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO SUBJECT INCIDENT. THIS AFFORDED THEM THE IMMEDIATE

AND PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE HIGHEST RANKING POLICE OFFICER IN TAMIL NADU.

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